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8. Official or other recognition of accomplishment - (Such as unit citations, commendations and awards; decorations and awards to individuals, and records or events believed to be "firsts" which may be fleet-wide or apply only within the unit. Give dates of awards and events; claims for "firsts" are meaningless without a date.)

The following is a summary of personal decorations and awards received by officers and men of Fighter Squadron 213 for performance in the support of combat operations in Southeast Asia.

Silver Star Medal;  
Gold star in lieu of 2nd DFC;  
DFC;

LCDR (b) (6)  
CDR William R. O'CONNELL, Commanding  
LCDR (b) (6)  
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LT (b) (6)  
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LTJG (b) (6)

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9. General resume of activity - (Narrative statement of activity not otherwise covered, summarizing work, training, special cruises and visits, conversion, modification, overhaul, new equipment, and the like. Air Stations consider, in addition, such things as reorganization, new operational administrative and management procedures introduced; special programs initiated or completed, construction in progress, expansion of facilities, etc. Use additional sheets as necessary. Documents appended should be identified in Part VI, page 4.)

During the period covered by this report while embarked in the USS KITTY HAWK (CVA-63) FITRON 213 completed a seven-month combat cruise in Southeast Asia. In the months of April and May the Black Lions flew 726 combat sorties in North and South Vietnam. In addition to the normal role of combat air patrol and escort fighters the squadron's F-4 Phantom II's flew many air to ground attack missions employing bombs, rockets, and napalm against enemy ground forces. Upon returning to NAS MIRAMAR, FITRON 213 commenced a short training cycle which concluded with exercises on board KITTY HAWK (CVA-63) in preparation for another WESTPAC Cruise.

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Bronze Star Medal;  
Purple Heart;

CDR William R. O'CONNELL, Commanding  
LCDR (b) (6)  
LCDR  
LTJG

In addition the following were awarded:

284 Air Medals

31 Navy Commendation Medals

3 SECNAV Commendation for Achievement

1 CINCPAC ltr of Commendation

Unit

Period Covered ( From - To)

## PART II - SHIPS

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PERIOD	UNIT	PERIOD	UNIT
N/A			

3. Miles steamed

4. Ship's fuel consumed

Aviation fuel consumed	
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### 5. Carrier landings

N/A

6. Catapult launchings

N/A

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PART IV - SQUADRONS

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1. TYPE A/C ASSIGNED	NUMBER ON HAND	DATE FIRST RECEIVED
F4B	13	3 SEPTEMBER 1964

2. OPERATIONAL STATISTICS	MONTH	HOURS FLOWN	NO. OF FLIGHTS	MONTH	HOURS FLOWN	NO. OF FLIGHTS
	April 1966	678	423	July 1966	175	107
	May 1966	542	303	August 1966	540	331
	June 1966	67	49	Sept 1966	392	241

PART V - AIR STATIONS: On board refers in this instance to what is physically present; not to be confused with Home Port assignment. Do not repeat units reported as on board in the previous period unless they departed in this period. For composite units such as Carrier Air Groups, record only the parent group.

1. UNITS ON BOARD	ARRIVED	DEPARTED
N/A		
2. COMMANDS AND ACTIVITIES ON BOARD	ARRIVED	DEPARTED
N/A		

PART VI - DOCUMENTARY MATERIAL APPENDED (Number serially and describe sufficiently to insure proper identification.)

N/A